

Poul Popiel Valuable Member of the Kings

A feature story about a Georgetown boy who learned his hockey here, appeared in a recent issue of the Springfield, Massachusetts, daily newspaper. This is how Sam Pompei, writing in his Hockey Beat column, speaks of him.

His given name is Poul. Everybody mispells it Paul. Most people mispronounce it Po-ell.

So everybody just calls him "Pope". And that simplifies it all.

Actually, Poul Popiel doesn't care what they call him — as long as they don't call him late when his lovely wife, Janet, serves meat and potatoes — that's his favourite dish.

Food, incidentally, is a very important item in his life. It not only gives him the energy to play a stellar game of hockey for the Springfield Kings, but it led indirectly to his marriage to Janet.

It all happened a couple of years ago in old St. Louis, her hometown, where he played for the Braves.

Both used to eat in the neighbourhood's Jewish delicatessen, but somehow they never crossed paths. He ate meat and potatoes and she usually ate beef stew, exotic style.

Finally one day they spotted each other, but since both are shy neither made a move.

But the alert butcher did. He introduced Janet and Poul, and that's the way it all got started.

They have been married two years and are looking forward to the day when they have children, which, they hope won't be too far off.

Popiel has been what they call a "fringe" big leaguer for several years.

He generally plays an outstanding brand of hockey in the American League, goes to camp with a National League

team the next training season, but just misses making the grade.

It seems that Poul has been in the AHL a bit too long for a player of his all-around talents. He skates well, shoots hard and accurate, has defensive skill and is aggressive, as backliners should be.

"Of course, I'm hoping to make it back to the NHL, the only place where a hockey player would like to play," he says.

"But I have no complaints here. We like Springfield very much."

Janet is even more intrigued with the area. "The scenery is just wonderful. And the people are doing a great job of preserving the colonial traditions in many of the buildings," she says.

While the Popiels enjoy the home life very much they have a touch of gypsy in them.

"During the off-season, we generally hit the road going as far South as either Florida or Louisiana. Then we hit St. Louis and finally Poul's hometown, Georgetown, Ontario.

Some day, the couple hopes to visit his native land, Denmark. He was born in Solsted, but the family moved to Canada while he was a youth.

The Popiels love hockey. His three younger brothers hope to follow him in the professional sport.

His kid brother, Dick, though only 10, already has an inkling of the toughness of the game. He is currently sitting out with a broken leg.

"THE POPE" a fellow with a rare sense of humour, kidding, says he took a "chance" when he married Janet.

But only because her surname happened to be Chance — yes, Janet Chance.

Frank King's Hat Trick Helps Juve's 8-2 Win

"We should have stayed home." That's the way manager Dave Robertson summed up Oakville Legionnaires 8-2 defeat at the hands of Georgetown in a Juveniles Tri-County last Thursday.

The Legionnaires were never in the game as Georgetown scored three goals in the first 3 minutes of the game and led 4-0 at the end of the 1st period.

Frank King got two of the Georgetown goals in the opening frame and he set up another by Gerry Moody. Ron Yates accounted for the other tally.

King Scores
King completed a hat trick midway through the second period when he stole the puck off Legionnaire defenceman Randy Lavy and sailed in to score unassisted.

Legionnaires finally got on the scoreboard at 14:45 of the second period when Larry Killborn converted a pass from Bob Drennan, one of the better players on the ice.

A penalty to Brian O'Flaherty proved costly just minutes later as Moody got his second goal of the night for Georgetown on the power play.

The Legionnaires came out strong in the third frame and only the outstanding play of Ed Peavoy in the Georgetown

net kept them from narrowing the score.

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He had to be helped from the ice later in the game with a knee injury and Bob Monckton, a defenceman, took over in the Georgetown net.

Big Saves
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Mike Bryan scored on a play with Ed Virus for the Legionnaires to cut the lead to 6-2 but Rick Thompson of Georgetown tallied twice into the open Oakville net to sew up the game.

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The move back-fired as Thompson hit twice in a row into the vacated cage.

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Eight Wins, No Defeats For High Flying Midgets

Georgetown's rocketing Midgets leaped into first place in the Tri-County Hockey League, extending their unbeaten streak to eight games with 8 wins and no losses by upending previously undefeated Burlington 3-1 on Sunday night.

In the game the score didn't indicate the play. From the opening whistle the locals owned the puck and if it had not been for the heroics of Crosbie in the Burlington net the score could have easily mounted into double figures. Time after time he pulled off miraculous saves to thwart the blue and white.

It wasn't until the seven second mark of the second period that Georgetown were able to dent Crosbie's armour when Gerry Nash took a perfect pass from Fowler and blasted a slap shot from ten feet out to beat the Burlington net minder cleanly. At the 4:15 mark Nash put Kudasovs in the clear and he made no mistake to give Georgetown a 2-0 lead which held up till the end of the second period.

At 9:30 of the third period Burlington got back in the game when Savisberg scored on a breakaway. Burlington tried to mount an attack to get the equalizer but Georgetown continued to control the puck and even when the Burlington net minder was pulled in the last minute of play, they were not able to apply pressure in the Georgetown end. The removal of the goalie backfired when Ray Inglis trapped a loose puck at the Burlington blue line and fired it over to Jerry Neil who tipped it into the unprotected goal to give Georgetown the 3-1 margin. Georgetown, outshot Burlington 45-8.

Bombs Oakville
On Thursday, December 7th, the Midgets bombed Oakville 8-1 in another one sided affair, in which Benny Heppes and Gerry Nash scored 2 goals each. Other goals went to Dwayne Hay, Marty Fowler, Bob Sargent and Bruce Davies. Chisholm scored Oakville's lone marker.

Contributing to Georgetown's winning streak, it should be pointed out that certain players that do not always appear in the scoring summary are doing a king size job in enabling the net minding duo of Doug Unsworth, and John Blair to lead a relatively sheltered life. They are Ray Inglis, Glen Chapman, Bill Neil, Ron Fogal and Bob Sargent, the Georgetown defence. Seldom have opposing teams been able to pin

net keep them from narrowing the score.

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For those who have not yet picked up their sweaters, please note: No player can play without a team sweater after the Christmas Skating party. At this time, players without team sweaters will be replaced by those on the waiting list.

This Friday, December 15th games are:
5:00 — New York vs. Montreal
5:40 — Boston vs. Chicago
6:20 Detroit vs. Toronto.

The following Friday December 22nd, is our annual skating party from 5 p.m. till 6 p.m. Helmets and team sweaters are necessary but No Sticks Please! From 6 p.m. till 7 p.m. our Tyke All-Stars will host Bramalea All-Stars in their first game of the season. Check Tyke Bulletin Board for further details.

JUVENILES

THUMPED
Fresh from a decisive 8-2 victory over Oakville, Georgetown Juveniles ran into Burlington Sunday and took a 6-0 jolting.

Industrial Hockey

Team	W	L	T	GF	GA
Radicals	5	2	0	36	29
Dodge Bros.	3	3	1	22	31
Blue Giants	3	4	0	36	39
R&B Milk Ctr.	4	1	28	32	

Sunday's Games
Radicals 3 — R&B Milk 2
Dodge Bros. 3 — Blue Gts. 0

Future Games
Dec. 17: 10 a.m.
Milk Centre vs. Dodge Bros.
11:30 a.m.
Radicals vs. Blue Giants

Scoring:

G	A	TP
Harrison (BG)	7	10
Morrow (DB)	7	8
Wright (BG)	6	5
Blair (R)	5	6
Haynes (R)	7	3
Reid (DB)	5	10
Goddard (R&B)	4	3
Chapman (R)	4	3
Leister (R&B)	4	3

Scoring In Games
Radicals 3 vs. R&B Milk Ctr. 2
First Period
(1) Radicals—Hyde (unassist.)
Second Period
(2) R&B Milk—B. Johnson (Robson, Parks)

Third Period
(3) Radicals: Chapman (Ward)
(4) Radicals: Ward (Chapman)
(5) R&B: G. Agnew (B. Johnson)

(1) Dodge Bros.—Dizon (Ray)
(2) Dodge Bros.—Rossignol (Dizon)
Second Period
(3) Dodge Bros.—Reid (Morrow, Rossignol)
Third Period
No Scoring.

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KID HOCKEY

Schedule Ends Sat. Playoffs Start Dec. 23

by Bud James

Saturday, Dec. 16th will be the last schedule game for Legion Minor Hockey and the play offs will start Dec. 23. The final standings and 1st games of playoffs will be ready to publish in the Herald so coaches are asked to make sure what time their team plays.

December 9th, fans witnessed some more fine games and a number of fans wished they had a movie camera not only to take pictures of the players on the ice but of a number of fans who are really wrapped up in the games.

Coaches are asked to make sure they lock their dressing rooms as one team was missing money while playing.

Friday, Dec. 8th Saturday morning hockey held a dance in the Legion auditorium but it seems the entertainment chairman and his helpers seem to be doing a lot for nothing as there were not too many at the dance. Earl Neil was the lucky winner of two blue tickets to Maple Leaf Gardens on December 23rd.

Equipment manager reports that there were sweaters missing when he made his check-up before locking up and there were a few pieces of equipment left in dressing rooms.

There is one commissioner who has his better half looking after his duties while he is at work and made sure that coaches were warned about giving players too much ice time.

Players are asked to make sure that they report to coach 15 minutes before game as there have been a few players arriving at Arena just before their teams going on to ice.

Scores from Sat., Dec. 9

American League
Cleveland 4; Quebec 2
Baltimore 1; Buffalo 4
Providence 3; Rochester 4
Pittsburgh 2; Springfield 0

NHL
Montreal 3; New York 1
Detroit 4; Chicago 2
Boston 0; Los Angeles 1
St. Louis 3; Philadelphia 6

Junior A
St. Kitts 2; Peterboro 1
Marlies 4; Hamilton 1
London 7; Kitchener 2
Niagara 0; Oshawa 3

Sr. League from Tues., Dec. 5
Guelph 2; Oak 0
Woodstock 8; Oakville 1

Schedule for Sat., Dec. 16, 1967

Junior A
6:45-7:15: Oshawa vs. Hamilton
7:15-7:45: Niagara vs. London
7:45-8:15: Kitchener vs. Marlies
8:45-9:00: Scrape and Flood
Peterboro Sits Out

American League
8:00-9:30: Baltimore vs. Springfield
9:30-10:00: Quebec vs. Hershey
10:00-10:30: Pittsburgh vs. Prov.
10:30-11:00: Buffalo vs. Roch'r.
11:00-11:15: Scrape and Flood
Cleveland Sits Out

NHL
11:15-11:55: Boston vs. Chicago
11:55-12:35: Detroit vs. St. L.
12:35-1:15: Montreal vs. Toronto
1:15-1:55: Philadelphia vs. L.A.
New York Sits Out

Hilkron Bants Drop Two in Week's Games

On Tuesday Dec. 5, Georgetown's Hilkron Bantams suffered a disastrous 5-0 defeat at the hands of the visiting Oakville Bantam team.

The Georgetown boys were victims of their own inability to control the play at key times throughout the game. A perfect example of their lack of puck control occurred when Georgetown was shorthanded at three different times and scored a goal on each occasion against Georgetown's "power play."

The game could have been in Georgetown's favour if they had combined some diligent back-checking with the ability to finish off some excellent scoring opportunities which they had set up for themselves.

Georgetown at Burlington
Georgetown's Hilkron Bantams travelled to Burlington on Sunday, Dec. 10 and were trimmed 5-1 by their hosts.

Georgetown played good hockey in the first period and were leading 1-0 on a goal by Dennis Norton from Brian Beaumont and Jamie Moody.

For the last two periods a tired, short-handed Georgetown team was outskated and outbustled by Burlington who seemed to get stronger as the game progressed.

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